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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

### PARALLEL PROXIES

5           A proxy server is provided with a plurality of  
prioritized proxies configured in parallel. The proxy  
server can include 1-to-n proxy subunits, where "n" can  
vary depending on the total priority levels available for  
any given system. Each service (e.g., document-handling)  
10 request made to the proxy server is prioritized according  
to the prioritized proxy subunit that is configured to  
service the request, which increases the request handling  
response times for the higher priority requests, and  
thus, improves the overall performance of the proxy  
15 server involved.